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- Though President Donald Trump said he would allow sales of American technology to Huawei Technologies Co. as part of an agreement with China to resume trade talks, National Economic Council Chairman Larry Kudlow said during a "Fox News Sunday" interview that the looser restrictions will apply only to products that are available widely worldwide. Kudlow also the United States' security concerns about Huawei will be part of the renewed trade talks. (Reuters)

- Facebook Inc. Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg said in a blog post that the company will treat the 2020 U.S. census "like an election," putting staff, technology and policies in place to protect against interference and giving extra scrutiny to misinformation on the platform. The new policy announcement accompanied a 26-page update on a civil rights review the company began in May 2018, which is conducted by a third party. (NBC News)

- Charles Koch's network of advocacy and philanthropy organizations has spent at least $10 million over the past four years to lobby against what they see as a backlash to technological innovations and to promote digital free speech, according to a person familiar with the matter. The funding has been directed at think tanks, state and local legal battles and political ad campaigns. (CNBC)

Chart Review

The cost of an ad-free internet: $35 more per month
Vox

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

07/01/2019

WISPA's Northwest Regional Meeting in Portland	9:00 am
Digital Policy Institute's event on 5G and the digital divide	10:00 am

07/08/2019

NIST's privacy framework workshop

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Understanding Gen Z: The Definitive Guide to the Next Generation

Based on nearly 1,000 survey interviews with 18-21 year-olds, Morning Consult's 'Understanding Gen Z' report digs into the values, habits, aspirations, politics, and concerns that are shaping Gen Z adults and the ways they differ from the generations that came before them.

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General

A China-U.S. Trade Truce Could Enshrine a Global Economic Shift
Keith Bradsher, The New York Times

The spin from President Trump and China's propaganda machines on Saturday portrayed a truce in a trade war that has shaken economies and markets around the world. Tariffs won't rise further, at least not yet. And the United States will loosen its potentially devastating punishments against Huawei, China's most successful multinational company.

Can Joe Biden pull off a Barack Obama with Silicon Valley's wealthiest donors?
Theodore Schleifer, Vox

Joe Biden may be a favorite of the country's wealthiest donors. But in Silicon Valley, he has serious work to do.

Debate Over Uber and Lyft Drivers' Rights in California Has Split Labor
Noam Scheiber, The New York Times

California's labor movement recently seemed on the verge of a new era for worker rights. A state court ruled that workers in the gig economy should have many of the protections of employment, like a minimum wage and overtime pay.

Life after Obama: Jay Carney is a top advisor to Jeff Bezos and architect of Amazon's HQ2
Eugene Kim, CNBC

Just three weeks after Amazon abruptly dropped its plan for a second headquarters in New York City, CEO Jeff Bezos had to confront the matter with staff members who wanted to know what went wrong. At his semi-annual all-hands meeting in March, Bezos was asked to discuss what he would do differently if given the opportunity.

The Republican lawmaker rattling Silicon Valley

Nancy Scola and Cristiano Lima, Politico

Josh Hawley arrived in the Senate this year as a conquering Republican hero, after wresting a Democratic-held seat on a platform of religious liberty, low taxes and fights against "Washington overreach." Six months later, the former Missouri attorney general's emergence as the chamber's most relentless adversary of the tech industry has placed him at the center of a curious coalition of Democrats and Trump allies.

One Year After Trump's Foxconn Groundbreaking, There Is Almost Nothing to Show For It
Josh Dzieza, The Verge

It's been exactly one year since President Trump pushed a golden shovel into a field in Mount Pleasant, Wisconsin, breaking ground on a planned Foxconn factory he called "the eighth wonder of the world." "This is one of the great deals, ever," he said at the ceremony.

Fighting Theranos Charges, Holmes Blames Advocacy Journalism
Joel Rosenblatt, Bloomberg

To defend against criminal fraud charges, Theranos Inc. founder Elizabeth Holmes is trying to put investigative journalism on trial. Holmes contends Wall Street Journal reporter John Carreyrou had an undue influence on federal regulators who concluded her blood-testing startup's technology was a threat to patient health and forced the company to shut its labs.

'We all suffer': why San Francisco techies hate the city they transformed
Julia Carrie Wong, The Guardian

San Franciscans have long complained that tech workers ruined their city, driving up rents and homelessness and eliminating diversity. Now even the tech workers agree.

Stocks Climb Globally on Trade Truce; Oil Jumps: Markets Wrap
Laura Curtis, Bloomberg

Stocks advanced globally after the U.S. and China reached a truce in the trade war and agreed to resume talks toward a deal. Gold, the yen and Treasuries retreated, but a series of weak factory reports from major economies took the

edge off the bond drop.

Intellectual Property and Antitrust

Trustbusters are bypassing the biggest tech company of them all
Jay Greene, The Washington Post

Trustbusters are targeting the biggest names in tech, bar one: Microsoft. That's because the software giant learned some key lessons during its epic battle with regulators two decades ago, notably working with partners rather than using its market power to prevent rivals from emerging.

Antitrust hasn't made this big a splash in presidential campaigns since 1912, says House antitrust counsel
Lauren Feiner, CNBC

Antitrust is having a moment unlike anything the U.S. has seen since 1912. That's according to Lina Khan, the majority counsel to the House of Representatives antitrust subcommittee, speaking in a personal capacity at the Aspen Ideas Festival.

Regulators Pile On With New Investigations of Tech Companies
The Information

Regulators from the U.S. and overseas have ratcheted up the pressure on U.S. technology giants, launching new investigations in recent months of Amazon, Apple, Facebook and Google over anti-competitive behavior, and continuing probes of their data collection and privacy practices.

Telecom, Wireless and TV

Trump Leaves Huawei's South Korean Suppliers Hanging
Andrew Jeong, The Wall Street Journal

President Trump struck a cordial tone in a meeting with South Korea's largest businesses on Sunday, praising their investments in the U.S. But noticeably absent from his remarks: any mention of China's Huawei Technologies Co.

Google internet balloon spinoff Loon still looking for its wings

Paresh Dave, Reuters

Google's bet on balloons to deliver cell service soon faces a crucial test amid doubts about the viability of the technology by some potential customers. Loon says its balloons will reach Kenya in the coming weeks for its first commercial trial.

The Downside of 5G: Overwhelmed Cities, Torn-Up Streets, a Decade Until Completion
Christopher Mims, The Wall Street Journal

In every major city in America where carriers are rolling out 5G, there's someone like Keith Hubbard, manager of a 16-person fiber technician team for AT&T . His job: to set up shop in a trailer in the middle of a busy street, after other teams have already dug up the street or sidewalk and laid fiber-optic cable under it.

Mobile Technology and Social Media

Senators unveil bipartisan bill to target 'deepfake' video threat
Maggie Miller, The Hill

A bipartisan group of senators introduced legislation Friday to assess and cut down on the threat posed by "deepfake" videos, which are created through the use of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies to manipulate original videos.

Big Tech attacks UK plan to hold firms liable for harmful content
Madhumita Murgia, Financial Times

The world's biggest tech companies have attacked the UK's push to impose a legal "duty of care" on them to prevent so-called "online harms", in the first major lobbying push against the proposed regulations. The Washington-based Internet Association, whose members include Google, Facebook, Microsoft and Twitter, said the UK regulations are disproportionately broad, undermine privacy, and will "produce a chilling effect on freedom of speech."

Facebook's Libra coin likely to run a regulatory gauntlet
Anna Irrera and Katie Paul, Reuters

Facebook Inc will face unprecedented regulatory scrutiny over a new digital

currency that the social media company hopes will become globally recognized legal tender within a year. Since Facebook unveiled its cryptocurrency, called Libra, 10 days ago, Reuters has spoken with more than a dozen people with experience in financial regulation, financial technology, payments or cryptocurrency.

TikTok's Videos Are Goofy. Its Strategy to Dominate Social Media Is Serious.
Georgia Wells et al., The Wall Street Journal

China's first big hit in the U.S. uses an advanced algorithm to personalize its video-sharing app, and parent Bytedance's enormous ad spending on Snap, Facebook and Instagram aims to hook their users.

Cybersecurity and Privacy

Fake Facebook Warlord Used to Spread Malware, Researchers Say
Gwen Ackerman, Bloomberg

In one of the largest malware campaigns to exploit Facebook Inc., a suspected Libyan hacker lured tens of thousands of people into exposing personal information and granting access to personal devices, Israeli cyber security company Check Point Software Technologies Ltd. said. A Facebook page impersonating Khalifa Haftar, the head of a militia fighting Libya's internationally recognized government, was Check Point's first clue to an attack that had been going on for five years, the company said.

Freshman members form bipartisan task force on election vulnerabilities ahead of 2020
Olivia Beavers, The Hill

A bipartisan group of freshman House lawmakers revealed Friday a Task Force Sentry that has worked behind closed doors the past two months to craft legislation to prevent foreign interference in U.S. elections. The task force, which includes six freshman Democrats and one freshman Republican, identified five key areas of vulnerabilities in the U.S. political system they hope to address with legislation.

Cities are writing privacy policies
Kaveh Waddell, Axios

A smart city can vacuum up details like your location or daily habits - even though you probably haven't agreed to it.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Trump Made Huawei a Political Pawn
Tim Culpan, Bloomberg

President Donald Trump's decision to restart sales of U.S. technology products to Huawei Technologies Co. may ease tensions with China, and even help end the trade war. Yet as far as deals go, this is set to be one of Trump's worst. It doesn't stop the technology cold war underway, and weakens the U.S. stance that Huawei isn't just a political pawn.

What Trump's Huawei Reversal Means for the Future of 5G
Andrew Ross Sorkin, The New York Times

In an impromptu question-and-answer session late last month at the White House, President Trump was asked about the nation's efforts to block Huawei, the Chinese telecommunications company, from doing business in the United States and with our allies around the globe.

The Strange Politics of Facial Recognition
Sidney Fussell, The Atlantic

Everyone seems to have found common ground on the emerging technology. That's exactly what its makers want.

Research Reports

Global Trade Interdependence: U.S. Trade Linkages With Korea, Mexico, and Taiwan
Stephen Ezell and Caleb Foote, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

Korea, Mexico, and Taiwan represent vital trade partners for the United States, not only as destinations for U.S. exports, but more importantly as key partners whose firms supply critical intermediate goods on which the health of

America's advanced-technology industries depend.

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